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FROM : Legal Counsel

SUBJECT: CONGRESSMAN PAUL SIMON (D-ILL.)

Congressman Simon is a newly-elected Member of the House of Representatives. He was contacted on 2-26-75 by Inspector in connection with an investigation regarding the distribution of anonymous campaign literature against him during last year's election campaign. took the occasion to briefly explain FBI's jurisdiction and to offer our services to him wherever appropriate. Congressman Simon was most cordial, adding that he has had a number of contacts in the past with FBI representatives in connection with his prior positions in state government in Illinois. He said he has a very high respect for the FBI and certainly will oppose any moves to weaken the organization. He stated that we should not hesitate to let him know whenever he may be of any service to us in the Congress or otherwise.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

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COMMITTEES:
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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

January 12, 1988

The Honorable William S. Sessions
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Tenth and Pennsylvania, NW
Washington, DC 20535

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Dear Mr. Sessions:

It has come to my attention that the Federal Bureau of Investigations has initiated a program in the New York office entitled, "The FBI's Library Awareness Program." I have been informed that this program involves contacting New York library employees to alert them to the possibility of members of "hostile countries attempting to gain access information that could be potentially harmful to our national security." The FBI agents reportedly requested that the librarians monitor information requested. I must question whether this is the most effective use of the FBI's resources and how productive this type of investigation could possibly be for the FBI. In addition, New York does have a confidentiality law restricting access to library records.

I respectfully request a response to this matter and a justification for the continuance of this program in New York or elsewhere. Your assistance in this matter would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions in regard to this matter please contact [redacted] of my staff at [redacted]

My best wishes.

Cordially,

Paul Simon
United States Senator

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February 12, 1988

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Honorable Paul Simon
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Simon:

I have received your letter of January 12th in which you inquire about the contacts of librarians by the FBI's New York Office.

The FBI relies in great measure on the willingness of the American people to cooperate in matters relating to our investigative responsibilities. For that reason, our representatives in New York initiated contact with specialized scientific and technical libraries in that area for assistance in countering the intelligence-gathering efforts of hostile foreign intelligence services. This action was initiated by our New York Office as a result of a large number of documented cases where hostile intelligence officers have exploited these specialized libraries. They have accomplished their goals by stealing proprietary, sensitive, and other information, as well as attempting to identify and recruit American and foreign students found in American libraries. The FBI's objective is to thwart this activity by endeavoring to educate, on a limited basis, knowledgeable individuals in these libraries to familiarize them with the hostile intelligence threat.

I want to assure you that we make every effort to ensure that these contacts with librarians in no way interfere with the academic freedoms or first amendment rights of our Nation's citizens. While our foreign counterintelligence responsibilities are fulfilled in a wide variety of ways, all of them are in compliance with guidelines established by the Attorney General and Federal laws.

Our contacts of librarians are limited to the New York City area where they have been determined to be most productive, and I want to emphasize that only specialized libraries are

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Honorable Paul Simon

contacted. With regard to your concern that New York does have a confidentiality law restricting access to library records, we would not normally seek such access in connection with these contacts.

I hope you will find this information helpful.

Sincerely yours,

William S. Sessions
Director

William E. Otto
Acting Director

NOTE: SENATOR SIMON is inquiring about the FBI's Library Awareness Program. This response has been used in connection with similar inquiries.

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-1302

May 15, 1990

Mr. John E. Collingwood
Chief Counsel/Inspector in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Ninth and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20535

Dear Mr. Collingwood:

Paul Simon

It has been brought to my attention that the FBI has a firing range located adjacent to Foss Park in North Chicago Illinois.

It is a concern of the city and county officials that the firing range poses a potential safety problem for the people who use the park, and for those who live in close proximity to the park, due to the noise created from the discharge of weapons.

I have enclosed a letter from, Mr. John L. Balen, Lake County Board District 2 Representative who addresses these concerns and has proposed a solution to this situation.

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I would appreciate it if your office would review the proposal Mr. Balen mentions in his letter, and advise my staff assistant, [redacted] in my Chicago office of your findings.

Thank you for your assistance.

My best wishes.

Cordially,

Paul Simon

Paul Simon
United States Senator

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**County of Lake
County Board Office**

Room A-1002
County Building
Waukegan, Illinois 60085-4351

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May 9, 1990

The Honorable Paul Simon
United States Senator
230 S. Dearborn Street
Room 3892
Chicago, IL 60604

Re: FBI Firing Range of Foss Park - City of North Chicago

Dear Senator Simon:

After the surrendering of the Naval Firing Range at Foss Park by the United States Navy to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, requests to remove the firing range next to a park by the City of North Chicago Officials to the F.B.I. were turned down. It is quite apparent that this facility is in the wrong place in the middle of a city and its presence is at best obnoxious from a standpoint of noise pollution - a danger to citizens using the park and to boaters using Lake Michigan.

There is, however, a solution to the dilemma with regards to the F.B.I.'s need for a training facility and that is the eighty acre facility on Russell Road in Lake County, which could accommodate the needs of the F.B.I. This facility which was recently constructed, is owned by the County of Lake for the purpose of training police officers.

This is, in my mind, an equitable solution to the problem of meeting the needs of the F.B.I. and the Citizens of North Chicago and would be beneficial to both parties concerned.

The present firing range at Foss Park is in my County Board District "2" and I find it necessary to intervene on behalf of my constituency which can utilize all the cooperation from other governmental entities it can possibly receive.

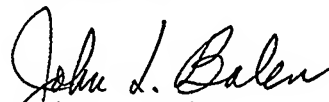
I have enclosed a Resolution regarding the county-owned firing range passed May 8, 1990 to further support my request.

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Thank you for giving consideration to this matter.

Sincerely,



John L. Balen
District 2 Representative
Lake County Board

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cc: Mayor Robert Thompson, Mayor of North Chicago
 Senator Simon's Office

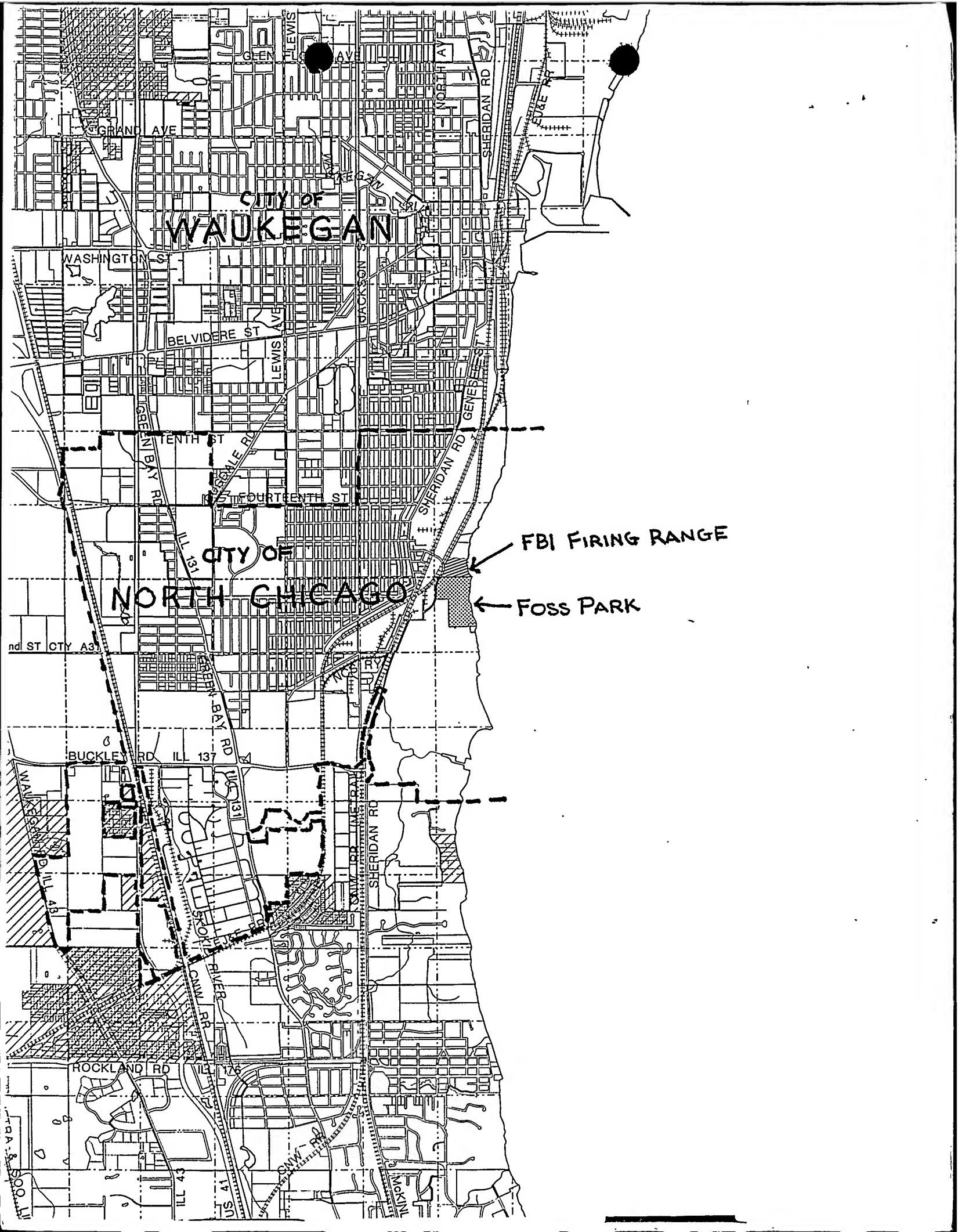
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FBI FIRING RANGE

FOSS PARK



R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, the County of Lake has constructed and has operated (for the past year) under the auspices of the Lake County Sheriff's Department, an outdoor shooting range; and

WHEREAS, said range is an excellent facility for training law enforcement personnel in small arms proficiency and safety; and

WHEREAS, it is the feeling of your Law and Judicial and Financial and Administrative Committees that said facility should be made available to other governmental entities for small arms training; and

WHEREAS, said use shall be made under the strictest conditions as outlined in an intergovernmental agreement to be executed between the parties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by this County Board of Lake County, Illinois that the use of the Lake County Shooting Range by other governmental entities is hereby authorized; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the use of said facility by other governmental entities shall be authorized only upon execution of an intergovernmental agreement between the County of Lake and the using party; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Administrator, in coordination with the Lake County Sheriff and the State's Attorney, shall draft an intergovernmental agreement outlining the conditions for the use of this facility, the final form of which shall be subject to the approval of your Law and Judicial and Financial and Administrative Committees; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk is hereby requested to distribute a certified copy of this Resolution to the County Administrator; the Sheriff; the State's Attorney; and the Administrator of the Human Resources Department.

DATED, at WAUKEGAN, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, on this 8th day of May, A.D., 1990.

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COUNTY BOARD, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
ADJOURNED REGULAR SEPTEMBER, A.D., 1989 SESSION
TUESDAY, MAY 8, 1990

MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD:

Your Law and Judicial and Financial and Administrative Committees present herewith a joint Resolution authorizing the use of the Lake County Shooting Range by other governmental units, pursuant to an intergovernmental agreement, and authorizing Said committees the final review and approval of the form of Said intergovernmental agreement, and request its adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

Audrey Nixson

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MAY 8 1990 APPROVED

Audrey Nixson

FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE
COMMITTEE

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of Lake County, Illinois is affixed

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County Clerk

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June 22, 1990

Honorable Paul Simon
United States Senator
Room 3892
230 South Dearborn
Chicago, Illinois 60604

Dear Senator Simon:

I am writing in further response to your May 15th inquiry on behalf of Mr. John L. Balen, District 2 Representative, Lake County Board, who wrote to you and other Members of Congress about our training facility in North Chicago, Illinois. Mr. Balen enclosed a copy of a Resolution recommending other governmental entities be authorized to use the outdoor shooting range constructed and operated by the County of Lake.

Over the past several years, there have been numerous inquiries from Lake County, Illinois, officials regarding closure and/or relocation of our training facility in North Chicago. These inquiries have resulted from attempts by various groups to develop the property for recreational purposes, to put a road in along the bluff area which runs through our firearms range, or to construct an incinerator facility on the property. An extensive study has been completed concerning this facility, to include reviews of the history of our training facility, improvements to the property, utilization of the facility, and relocation problems. We believe to close this facility, without another facility available immediately to take over all its functions, would severely hamper our efforts, and the efforts of the numerous state, local and other Government agencies which look to us for training in effectively fulfilling our respective law enforcement missions.

Chicago FBI Agents recently inspected the Lake County Firearms Range and determined that this facility does not meet our safety requirements or our training needs.

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Respectfully,
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Honorable Paul Simon

Congressman John Porter also received an inquiry from Mr. Balen and recently toured our training facility. We would be glad to make arrangements to have you or a representative of your staff tour this facility as well. You may contact Supervisory Special Agent [redacted] of my staff here in Washington at telephone number [redacted] who will be happy to make the necessary arrangements.

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Sincerely yours,

John E. Collingwood
Inspector-in-Charge
Congressional Affairs Office

NOTE: Senator Simon wrote on behalf of JOHN L. BALEN, District 2 Representative, Lake County, Illinois, Board, who wrote expressing his belief and that of his Board that the FBI training facility in North Chicago, Illinois, is in the wrong place, and he enclosed a Resolution offering the services of the Lake County outdoor shooting range. Congressman John Porter previously called our Chicago Office on behalf of Mr. BALEN and was provided a tour of our training facility and provided a briefing book on the facility. This tour was conducted by SSA [redacted] who is currently assigned to the Congressional Affairs Office but was at one time a Firearms Instructor at our training facility in North Chicago. Our Chicago Office also received a letter from Congressman Philip Crane on behalf of Mr. BALEN, and Congressman Crane is being furnished the substance of the above response which was coordinated with SSA [redacted] CAO. An interim response was sent to Senator Simon on 5/18/90 by the CAO and the letter from Simon was also discussed with SSA [redacted] Firearms Training Unit, Quantico.

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Honorable Paul Simon
United States Senate
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Simon:

I noted that you recently cosponsored Senator Levin's resolution, S. Con. Res. 12, regarding the treatment of Arab Americans in the wake of the war with Iraq. Let me assure you that I appreciate the concerns which prompted the introduction of this resolution and I wholeheartedly agree that a Federal agency should never interfere with a citizen's civil or constitutional rights.

The other day you commended FBI efforts to implement the Hate Crimes Statistics Act. These remarks show that you are keenly aware of our efforts to combat these repugnant incidents. I am pleased to advise that the FBI has already taken the steps outlined in the resolution to safeguard the rights of Arab Americans.

When it became apparent that war with Iraq was imminent, the FBI reached out to Arab-American business and community leaders. Our contacts were designed to increase that community's awareness of probable backlash incidents and to discuss our investigative responsibilities. This included an outline on how we combat hate violence through civil rights and counterterrorism investigations. Contrary to speculation or public perception, the individuals contacted were not interrogated or the subjects of surveillance or investigation.

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Honorable Paul Simon

From last August until mid-January, over 60 incidents of apparent hate violence related to the Persian Gulf crisis have been brought to our attention, 50 of these since January 15th. We are vigorously pursuing each reported incident. Without the support and cooperation of Arab Americans this would not be possible.

In addition, the FBI through an advanced communications network alerted over 16,000 State and local law enforcement agencies that the probability existed that Arab Americans could become targets during a war with Iraq. These agencies were asked to bring these incidents to our attention for investigation. A further illustration of our ongoing commitment to protecting citizens from hate violence can be found in the January issue of the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin. Deputy Director, Floyd Clarke, authored an article on hate violence which affirms the FBI's efforts to thwart these activities. The FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin is the most widely read journal of its kind in the world. It is my understanding that a copy of this article, "Hate Violence in the United States," has already been sent to you.

The FBI is truly sensitive to the diverse nature of our society. Throughout this crisis, we have worked to protect all Americans, especially those made increasingly vulnerable by world events. Since you have always expressed an interest in our activities, I would like to offer you a briefing which would outline the FBI's efforts to safeguard the rights of all citizens. To arrange such a meeting, please call John Collingwood on my staff at

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I would like to thank you for your past support, and I hope that we can continue to work together for the betterment of all our citizens.

Sincerely yours,

William S. Sessions
Director